

# Chat Window

Chat Window The `<ava-chat-window>` component is a comprehensive chat interface that provides message display, real-time input, custom icons, and automatic scrolling. It features a flexible message system, keyboard shortcuts, and responsive design for building interactive chat applications, customer support systems, and messaging interfaces.

How to use

```
■ import {  
  AavaChatWindowComponent, ChatMessage, ChatWindowIcon, } from "@aava/play-core";
```

Basic Usage

- A chat window with message history, input area, and custom icons for sending messages and attachments.
- Features

  - Message Display
  - Message History : Scrollable message container with user and bot messages
  - Message Styling : Different styling for user and bot messages
  - Timestamps : Automatic timestamp display for each message
  - Auto-scroll : Automatic scrolling to the latest message
  - Custom Avatars : Support for user avatars in messages
  - Input System

    - Real-time Input : Live text input with placeholder support
    - Keyboard Shortcuts : Enter to send, Shift+Enter for new line
    - Custom Icons : Configurable icons for different actions
    - Icon Slots : Start and end icon slots for flexible positioning
    - Disabled State : Support for disabled input state

User Experience

- Responsive Design : Adapts to different screen sizes
- Smooth Scrolling : Smooth auto-scroll behavior
- Custom Scrollbars : Styled scrollbars for better UX
- Focus Management : Proper focus handling for accessibility
- Loading States : Support for loading and processing states
- Configuration

  - Flexible Messages : Support for different message types and content
  - Icon Configuration : Customizable icons with click handlers
  - Input Configuration : Configurable placeholder, rows, and styling
  - Event Handling : Comprehensive event system for all interactions

API Reference

- Inputs
- Property Type Default Description
- messages

ChatMessage[] [] Array of chat messages to display

Placeholder string 'Type a message'

Placeholder text for the input field

disabled boolean false

Whether the chat window is disabled

icons ChatWindowIcon[] [] Array of icons to display in the input area

rows number 3 Number of rows for the textarea input

Outputs

- Property Type Description
- messageSent

Event Emitter<string> Emitted when a message is sent

iconClicked Event Emitter<{icon: ChatWindowIcon, currentMessage: string}> Emitted when an icon is clicked

Methods

- Method Description
- triggerSend() Public method to trigger message sending
- getCurrentMessage() Public method to get the current message text

Interfaces

- ChatMessage
- interface ChatMessage { id : string ; // Unique message identifier
- text : string ; // Message content
- timestamp : string ; // Message timestamp
- isUser : boolean ; // Whether message is from user or bot
- avatar ? : string ; // Optional avatar URL }

ChatWindowIcon

- interface ChatWindowIcon { name : string ; // Icon name
- click ? : ( ) => void ; // Optional click handler
- size ? : number ; // Icon size (default: 16)
- color ? : string ; // Icon color (default: '#2563eb')
- slot : "icon-start" | "icon-end" ; // Icon position }

CSS Classes

- The component provides several CSS classes for styling:

Class	Name	Description
.chat-window	Main	chat window container
.chat-main	Main	chat content wrapper
.messages-container	Scrollable	messages area
.message-wrapper	Individual	message wrapper
.user-message	User	message styling
.bot-message	Bot	message styling
.message-content		

Message content container .message-card Message card styling .message-text Message text styling .message-timestamp Message timestamp styling .input-area Input area container CSS Custom Properties ■ The component uses CSS custom properties for theming: Property Description --surface-secondary Secondary surface color for scrollbar --border-color Border color for input and scrollbar --surface-background Background color for input area --text-tertiary Tertiary text color for scrollbar --text-secondary Secondary text color for scrollbar --border-radius-full Full border radius for input Best Practices ■ Message Management ■ Unique IDs : Ensure each message has a unique identifier Timestamp Format : Use consistent timestamp formatting Message Length : Consider message length limits for better UX Loading States : Show typing indicators for better user experience User Experience ■ Auto-scroll : Always scroll to bottom for new messages Keyboard Support : Provide keyboard shortcuts for common actions Visual Feedback : Clear visual distinction between user and bot messages Responsive Design : Ensure chat works well on mobile devices Performance ■ Message Limits : Consider limiting displayed messages for performance Efficient Rendering : Use trackBy functions for large message lists Memory Management : Clean up old messages to prevent memory leaks Debounced Input : Consider debouncing input for better performance Accessibility ■ Screen Reader Support : Ensure messages are properly announced Keyboard Navigation : Full keyboard support for all interactions Focus Management : Proper focus handling for input and icons ARIA Labels : Provide appropriate ARIA labels for interactive elements Accessibility Guidelines ■ Semantic Structure ■ The component provides proper semantic structure: Message Roles : Proper roles for user and bot messages Input Labels : Clear labels for input fields Icon Descriptions : Proper descriptions for interactive icons Focus Management : Logical focus order through chat elements Screen Reader Support ■ Message Announcements : Clear announcements of new messages Input Feedback : Proper feedback for input actions Icon Descriptions : Descriptive labels for all icons Status Updates : Clear status updates for loading and sending Keyboard Navigation ■ Tab Order : Logical tab order through chat elements Enter Key : Enter key for sending messages Icon Activation : Keyboard activation for all icons Focus Indicators : Clear focus indicators for keyboard users Color and Contrast ■ WCAG Compliance : All text and interactive elements meet WCAG AA contrast ratios High Contrast Mode : Component works with system high contrast settings Color Independence : Information is not conveyed by color alone Visual Hierarchy : Clear visual distinction between message types Responsive Behavior ■ Mobile Adaptations ■ The chat window automatically adapts to mobile screens: Touch Optimization : Optimized touch targets for mobile interaction Keyboard Handling : Proper mobile keyboard behavior Viewport Adaptation : Adapts to different mobile viewport sizes Scroll Behavior : Smooth scrolling on mobile devices Breakpoint Behavior ■ Desktop (>768px) : Full chat interface with all features Mobile ( $\leq 768px$ ) : Compact layout with optimized spacing Input Sizing : Responsive input area sizing Icon Sizing : Appropriate icon sizes for different screens Content Considerations ■ Message Length : Messages adapt to different screen widths Input Height : Input area adjusts based on content Scroll Performance : Optimized scrolling for mobile devices Touch Targets : Adequate touch target sizes for mobile

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